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Remarks

Claims 1-6 are pending in this application. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication of Claims 1-5 being allowable if the objection to Claim 1 were corrected. Applicant has so corrected Claim 1 and respectfully requests allowance of Claims 1-5.

In response to the rejection of Claims 6-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 101, Applicant respectfully believes the amendments to Claim 6 and the cancellation of Claim 7 render the rejection moot and respectfully request its withdrawal. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of Claim 6.

allowance of Claims 4 and 6 and the indication of allowability of Claims 2, 3, and 7 if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Applicant has amended Claim 1 to contain a limitation of Claim 2. Applicant respectfully believes this amendment renders the § 102(b) rejection over Sowalti moot. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all claims.

Applicant respectfully believes the amendments to the abstract and specification render the objections to the disclosure and drawings moot and respectfully requests their withdrawal.

In view of the remarks above, Applicant believes that each of the rejections has been overcome and the application is in condition for allowance. Should there be any remaining issues that could be readily addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned.

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